

LDMS TROJAN TIMES

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WINTER SPORTS ARE UNDERWAY

We are proud of our LDMS Boys Basketball team, Girls Basketball team, and our Cheer team. We are also proud of our student who is participating in Wrestling at Maury River Middle School. We encourage you to come out and support our teams.

Winter Concert & Art Show

Our winter concert and art show will be held on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m. This is a wonderful event to showcase our very talented art and music students. Selected works of art from our students will be on display in the cafeteria. The concert will feature our entire music program.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT IN FEBRUARY

Family Fun Night will be taking place on February 7, 2020. If you or someone you know has a business that would like to donate items, gift cards or experiences to the Silent Auction, please contact Ann Courtney. ann@courtneycollinsstudio.com

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December is an exciting month making it the perfect ending to the first semester. This month we have the Lexington Christmas Parade, several basketball games, the Winter Art Show and Concert, and finally, some time off to spend time with friends and family. Happy Holidays!

LDMS SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

Matt W. Kauer

First Semester Exam Schedule

Below you will see the exam schedule for the first semester. Each subject has been assigned two days to complete their exams. Students will not have any more than two exams per day, and no other assessments will be given during this time frame. Please contact us if your child will be absent during any of these dates and our teachers will arrange another time for your student to complete their exam. Some teachers may use only one day to administer the exam for their class. Please check teacher websites for more details as the exam period approaches.

Wednesday, December 11th → Foreign Language and Math

Thursday, December 12th → Foreign Language and Math

Friday, December 13th → Math and Make-Ups

Monday, December 16th → History and Make-Ups

Tuesday, December 17th → History and Science

Wednesday, December 18th → English and Electives

Thursday, December 19th → English and Electives

PTA NEWS

The "Fill the Fridge" food drive was a success! The LDMS community donated 391 pounds of food, equal to 325 meals! Congratulations to the 8th Grade who for the third year in a row, brought in the most food and won a snow cone party.

Thank you to Jeanne' Humphreys for organizing the Box Tops Blitz in October! Thanks to everyone who sent them in, we collected over 626 Box Tops. Congratulations to Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Swenty's homeroom classes, who brought in the most Box Tops and earned a donut party. The 6th grade brought in the most Box Tops overall and celebrated with a popcorn party. We'll have another Box Tops Blitz in February, so keep clipping and saving them! Please try the Box Tops app! <https://www.boxtops4education.com>

The PTA will be helping the students, faculty and staff to celebrate the start of the Winter Break with a Holiday Social on December 20th! Please sign up to contribute snacks, hot chocolate toppings or your time for the student celebration.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b48a5a72da2f58-ldms5>

LDMS Goes Green! Starting December 2nd, you can recycle old toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, dental floss containers and all the packaging that comes with them! Just bring your used items to the office and you will be able to get a new toothbrush, tube of toothpaste or container of dental floss, generously donated by Dr. Poulsen, Dr. Hull and Dental Health Associates.

Starting in December, the PTA and the Beta Club will be hosting environmental awareness quizzes on Fridays during lunch. Be on the lookout for questions and test your environmental IQ!

Be water wise! 2.1 billion people worldwide do not have access to safe and clean water. Here are some ideas of actions we can take at home to reduce our water usage:

1. Take a short shower instead of bath.
2. Install low flow shower head.
3. Put a bucket in the shower while you are waiting for the water to warm up, then use that water for cleaning and watering plants.
4. Turn off water while you brush your teeth or shave.
5. Repair leaking faucets (for example, a slow leak of 60 drops per minute, will waste almost 9 gallons of water daily!)
6. Set up a rain barrel under your gutter and use the water for watering outdoor plants.

Best wishes for the holiday season,

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2 December: Girls Home Basketball Vs. Ridgeview

3 December: Home Basketball Vs. Kate Collins

5 December: Basketball @ Shelburne, 5:00

6 December: Lexington City Christmas Parade, 6:00

7 December: District V Band Auditions, East Rockingham High School

9 December: Girls Basketball @ Ridgeview 5:00

10 December: Home Basketball Vs. Shelburne 5:30, 8th Grade Night

12 December: Basketball @ MRMS, 5:00

13 December: Dance Sponsored by Girls Basketball 6:00-8:00

18 December: LDMS Winter Concert and Art Show 6:30

19 December: Boys' Basketball away @ Covington

20 December: 1:00 Dismissal

23 December-3 January: Winter Break

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